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X No additional fee is required, as shown below.

					Small Entity			Other Than Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	28	- 28	= 0		x \$ 9	-0-		x \$18	\$0
Independent	4	- 4	= 0		x \$ 43	-0-		x \$86	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					x \$145	-0-		x \$290	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE									\$0

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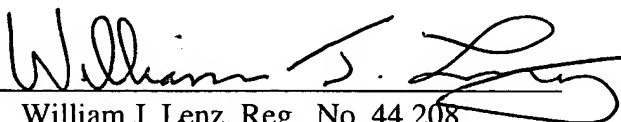
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any **deficiency in fees only** associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted.

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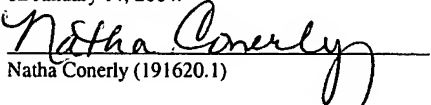
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